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SUBJ: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - EGYPTIAN VIEWS ON
CUBA, PUERTO RICO, NWIO

1. CUBA. EGYPTIAN MFA OFFICIAL AMRE MOUSSA CONTENDED TO USUN OFFICER EARLY JULY 28 THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT IS INDEED NOW IN A "STATE OF CRISIS." (EGYPT'S JULY 27 CALL FOR A CHANGE FROM HAVANA FOR NEXT SUMMIT, OR POSTPONEMENT OF IT, REPORTED SEPTEL.) HE THOUGHT THAT A DEAL HAD BEEN STRUCK BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAVS AND THE CUBANS TO AVOID DIVISIVE CONFRONTATION AT BELGRADE BUT SAID THAT THIS KIND OF SHORT-TERM DEAL WOULD NOT AFFECT THE "STATE OF CRISIS" THE MOVEMENT FACES IN THE YEARS TO COME. THE NAM, HE EMPHASIZED, SIMPLY HAS TO CHOOSE WHETHER IT
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WILL IN FACT STAY NON-ALIGNED OR SUCCUMB TO PRESSURES TO MOVE TOWARD THE SOVIETS. AGAIN DISMISSING THE IMPORTANCE OF A SINGLE NAM MEETING, MOUSSA SAID THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CHANGE THE STRUCTURE OF THE NAM SO AS TO PREVENT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING BUREAU (NACB) FROM SPEAKING FOR THE MOVEMENT AS A WHOLE. THE MOST IMPORTANT MEASURE, HOWEVER, IS FOR NAM STATES TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON CUBA TO

STAY IN LINE AND TO MAKE IT QUITE PLAIN TO THE CUBANS THAT IF THEY STEPPED OUT OF LINE, EVEN AS COORDINATOR OF THE NACB, THE MOVEMENT WOULD SIMPLY IGNORE THEM.

2. REFERRING AGAIN TO A PREVIOUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAVS AND THE CUBANS, MOUSSA SAID HE EXPECTED THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT ON THE PHILOSOPHICAL SECTION OF THE BELGRADE DECLARATION TO SURVIVE RELATIVELY INTACT. CERTAINLY THE RESULT WOULD BE MORE MODERATE THAN AT HAVANA. MOUSSA PREDICTED THAT THE 1979 NAM DECLARATION OF HAVANA WOULD NOT BE AS EXTREME AS THE 1978 NACB HAVANA COMMUNIQUE. THE REASON, HE SAID, IS THAT MODERATE FORCES IN THE NAM ARE NOW AROUSED AND ACTIVE. THEY WOULD SIMPLY NOT PERMIT THE CUBANS TO HAVE THEIR WAY.

3. PUERTO RICO. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, MOUSSA SAID NO AMENDMENTS ON PUERTO RICO HAVE YET SURFACED. THEN, NOTING THAT "WE AND THE CUBANS WILL BE DOING A LOT OF BARGAINING TODAY", ASKED WHAT IS THE U.S. BOTTOM LINE ON THE PUERTO RICAN ITEM. USUN OFFICER, EMPHASIZING THAT HE HAD NOT ASKED TO SEE MOUSSA IN ORDER TO LOBBY ON PUERTO RICO, SAID THAT THE U.S. CERTAINLY DID NOT LIKE THE INCLUSION OF THE REFERENCE TO UNGA RESOLUTION 1514 IN THE JULY 23 YUGOSLAV DRAFT. MOUSSA ALREADY KNEW THE US POSITION -- THAT PUERTO RICO IS NOT A COLONY, ETC. THE U.S. WOULD CERTAINLY PREFER THAT THERE BE NO MENTION OF PUERTO RICO AT ALL BY THE NAM. RECOGNIZING THAT COMPLETE OMISSION OF THE ITEM FROM THE NAM DRAFT PROBABLY WAS NOT A REALISTIC GOAL, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, THE US WOULD PREFER THAT THE REFERENCE TO RESOLUTION 1514 BE STRUCK AND THAT THERE BE AS MANY RESERVATIONS AS POSSIBLE ON THE REMAINING TEXT. USUN OFFICER THEN HANDED MOUSSA A COPY OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT TO THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO FOR USE AS HE SAW FIT.

4. NEW WORLD INFORMATION ORDER (NWIO). MOUSSA SAID THAT NO AMENDMENTS TO THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT ON THE NWIO HAVE YET SURFACED. EGYPT, HE SAID, ACCEPTED THE LANGUAGE OF THE YUGOSLAV DRAFT COMPLETELY ON THIS ITEM AND WOULD RESIST ANY ATTEMPT TO RADICALIZE THE ISSUE SHOULD ONE BE MADE.

5. MIDDLE EAST. MOUSSA'S VIEWS REPORTED SEPTTEL. EAGLEBURGER

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